

# 2022 – War in Europe rocks global economy



May: Sri Lanka riots



Feb: Russia invades Ukraine



Jul: Europe heatwaves



Sep: Queen mourned



Aug: Pakistan floods



Jul: Abe assassination



Jun: U.S. abortion ruling



Sep: Iran protests



Dec: Zelensky honour

**JAN 14** A volcanic eruption in Tonga triggers tsunamis across the Pacific Ocean

**16** Tennis star **Novak Djokovic** is deported from Australia for not meeting coronavirus requirements



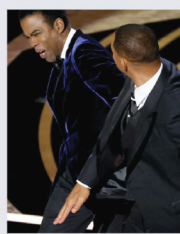
**FEB 4** The Winter Olympics open in Beijing, the first city to host both the Summer and Winter Games

**24** Russia launches a full-scale invasion of Ukraine by land, air and sea in the biggest such attack in Europe since World War II

**MAR 4** A spent rocket booster smacks into the far side of the moon

**9** Australia declares a national emergency in response to devastating floods along much of its east coast

**27** Best actor winner **Will Smith** slaps host **Chris Rock** at the Academy Awards for making a joke about his wife



**APR 10** **Imran Khan** is ousted as Prime Minister of Pakistan in a motion of no-confidence



**24** **Emmanuel Macron** is the first president of France in 20 years to win a second term

**25** Twitter agrees to a \$44 billion takeover offer by business magnate **Elon Musk**



**MAY 9** Sri Lanka's prime minister **Mahinda Rajapaksa** resigns amid mass protests in decades. Ongoing unrest forces out his brother, President **Gotabaya Rajapaksa**, in July



**11** The U.S. surpasses 1 million deaths attributed to Covid-19

**15** Finland and Sweden announce they will apply to join NATO in the face of Russia's aggression in Ukraine

**JUN 2** **Queen Elizabeth II** celebrates her Platinum Jubilee, marking her 70-year reign



**17** The U.S. Supreme Court strikes down the landmark 1973 *Roe v Wade* ruling, removing the federal right to an abortion

**JUL 7** UK Prime Minister **Boris Johnson** agrees to step down after mass resignations in parliament over his leadership



**8** **Shinzo Abe**, former prime minister of Japan, is assassinated while campaigning for a political candidate

**19** Persistent heatwaves through the summer affect much of western Europe, causing huge wildfires, mass evacuations and heat-related deaths



**AUG 2** U.S. House Speaker **Nancy Pelosi** flies into Taiwan despite Chinese threats of military action in response

**29** Heavier than usual monsoon rains leave around one-third of Pakistan underwater, affecting 33 million people

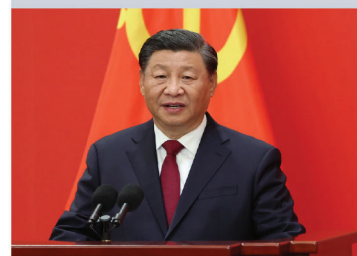
**SEP 8** **Queen Elizabeth II** dies at age 96. On her death her eldest son becomes **King Charles III**

**16** Widespread protests break out in Iran after 22-year-old **Mahsa Amini** is beaten to death by the religious police for not properly wearing her hijab

**25** Italy gets its first female prime minister following right-winger **Giorgia Meloni's** election win

**30** Russia annexes four regions of Ukraine following sham referendums

**OCT 1** Soaring food and energy prices worsen cost of living crises in rich and poor nations alike, affecting millions across the globe



**22** **Xi Jinping** is confirmed as General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party for an unprecedented third term

**24** **Rishi Sunak** becomes Britain's third prime minister in 50 days, after **Liz Truss** is forced to resign when her economic policies lead to financial chaos



**29** A deadly crush in Seoul kills over 150 mostly young people as they celebrate Halloween

**30** Former president **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva** makes a stunning comeback to win Brazil's presidential election



**NOV 8** A Republican "red wave" in the U.S. midterm elections fails to materialise as the Democrats retain control of the Senate

**10** Russia abandons the city of Kherson, the only provincial capital captured during its invasion, marking a strategic victory for Ukraine

**15** The world population reaches eight billion



**15** Mass protests break out in mainland China over stringent anti-Covid measures

**DEC 8** Time names Ukraine's President **Volodymyr Zelensky** its Person of the Year



**11** NASA's first Artemis flight splashes down after a 26-day mission to orbit the moon

**13** Scientists in the U.S. achieve a long-held goal of producing energy from nuclear fusion